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1. MISSION OFFICER VISITED LOUIS BUOL OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON AUGUST 22 TO DELIVER APPLICATIONS OF ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON AND TO UNDERScore USG INTEREST IN PLACING QUALIFIED AMERICAN IN THE INSURANCE VACANCY. BUOL SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH CREDENTIALS OF THE AMERICAN CANDIDATES AND THAT HIS ONLY PROBLEM NOW IS TO CHOOSE WHICH ONE WOULD BE THE MOST SUITABLE FOR THE POSITION. HE SAID HE HAS ELIMINATED 16 NON-AMERICAN CANDIDATES, AND THAT THE ONLY NON-AMERICAN CANDIDATES NOW ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE A WEST GERMAN AND A FILIPPINO.

2. WHILE BUOL REFRAINED FROM PROMISING THAT THE JOB WOULD GO TO AN AMERICAN, HE SAID THAT CROWE, BANCROFT, BEAM, CASWELL AND SKIPPER ALL SEEMED TO BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED THROUGH THEIR EXPERIENCE IN INSURANCE EDUCATION. TODD HALL, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS NOT BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED SINCE HE APPEARS TO LACK SUCH EXPERIENCE. BUOL EXPLAINED THAT THE

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POSITION WILL PRIMARILY INVOLVE A) PROVIDING ADVICE IN SETTING UP REGIONAL INSURANCE EDUCATION CENTERS IN YAOUNDE AND MONROVIA, WHICH ARE BEING ESTABLISHED WITH UNDP FINANCING, AND B) WRITING REVIEWS OF WORLD-WIDE DEVELOPMENTS IN INSURANCE WHICH ARE PERIODICALLY ISSUED BY THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT.

3. BASED ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN APPLICATIONS, BUOL SAID THAT CROWE APPEARS TO BE THE MOST PROMISING AMERICAN CANDIDATE, IF HE'LL ACCEPT A P-3 APPOINTMENT. TO ASSIST THE SELECTION PROCESS, BUOL SAID HE WOULD ASK THE UNCTAD NEW YORK OFFICE (HEADED BY R. KRISHNAMURTI) TO INTERVIEW CROWE, BEAM, CASWELL AND SKIPPER. (HE SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER BANCROFT WITHOUT AN INTERVIEW SINCE IT WOULD BE TOO COSTLY FOR HIM TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FROM WASHINGTON STATE). BUOL SAID HE HOPED NEW YORK OFFICE WOULD AGREE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS SOON, SINCE HE WANTS POSITION FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. BUOL SAID HE IS ASKING THE NEW YORK OFFICE TO ASK CROWE IF--IN THE EVENT THAT HE IS NOT SELECTED FOR THE P-3 JOB-- HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A 3-YEAR CONTRACT AS A L-4 OR L-5 IN SETTING UP REGIONAL INSURANCE EDUCATION CENTER IN MONROVIA. BUOL ALSO APPRECIATED RECEIVING SCHWARZSCHILD'S APPLICATION AND SAID THAT HE WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR THE MONROVIA JOB AS WELL. VANDEN HEUVEL

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